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Dixie Forever.

At the state confederate reunion in this state a motion to re-write "Dixie" almost caused a riot, and was unanimously voted down.

What change the word of "Dixie,"

The good old song we sang

When leaden bullets marked the time

And silver bugles rang?

The lines that find an echo

In every southern heart,

The strains that melt our very souls

Until the tear-drops start?

You might as well make over,

In something strange and new.

The prayer we uttered at mother's knee

When fell the evening dew.

The moth to dust and powder

Has turned the coat of gray,

But "Dixie" lives on every lip,

The Southern "Marseillaise."

"Away down South in Dixie!"

Call up a vision bright

Of moonlight where the Sawnee flows

And cotton fields by night;

And rows of tall palmettos

Against the starlit sky;

And oh, to live in Dixie land,

In Dixie land to die!

Beneath the starry ensign

That high above our heads

Its splendor to the morning breeze;

In fadless beauty spreads;

The banner from whose glories

The south no more shall sever,

I take my stand in Dixie land,

For "Dixie's" words forever.

[Mina Irving, in Leslie's Weekly.]

BRYAN AND THE CZAR MET.

An Audience of Fifteen Minutes Yesterday—Off for Berlin To-day.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—William Jennings Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas at noon today. The audience, which lasted for fifteen minutes, was arranged almost on the spur of the moment by Ambassador McCormick, who until yesterday was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival in St. Petersburg.

During the conversation with Mr. Bryan the czar expressed in the most emphatic manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and by the Russian nation for the United States and the hope that the good relations which have always existed between the two countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest and acquaintance with affairs in the United States. In response to Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction by Russia, the czar gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of educational methods and the statistics relating thereto.

Mr. Bryan was entertained at dinner by Ambassador McCormick to-night. He will leave for Berlin tomorrow.

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RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

An Interested Party Writes Interestingly on the Subject.

EDITOR TIMES:

As an interested party I desire to present my views on the drainage question in Bates county.

I desire to say in behalf of those who promoted the passage of the law we now have, that they are to be commended for the push and energy in trying to accomplish something of vital interest to the entire county, and of doubly vital interest to the owners of bottom land, but their efforts are along wrong lines.

To begin with Missouri, excepting Bates county, has a drainage law second to no state in the union. It is copied after the drainage law of Indiana, a law that state has been years perfecting, and it has been tested in the highest courts. It occurs to me experience counts for more, if possible, in drainage matters than many other business enterprises.

I am loth to have myself classed with the kickers as I am always in favor of progressive enterprises and in favor of doing things; but I am not able to see how anything of material advantage is to come from the efforts making under the special act of the legislature.

Do any of the promoters of the law, or any of the ditch commissioners, or any one else, familiar with conditions, and the provisions of the law, undertake to say that after they have worked five or six years under this law, that they will have increased the insured earning capacity of our land even a very little? Yet we will have been paying the tax all the while. That is wherein the burden comes to the bottom land owner. He pays the tax with no results, or increased earning capacity of his land given in return.

We have all been taught from boyhood to "never send a boy to mill." Figuratively speaking that is what we are doing under this law in my opinion.

The thing to do is to raise sufficient money and raise it at one time, to do what is needed to be done to protect us from overflows. I do not believe any owner of bottom lands would object to paying as much as \$5.00 per acre tax or even \$6.00 or \$7.00 if he was assured enough was going to be done to benefit him, and increase the earning capacity of his land, and he have time on such tax; so that he could more than pay the tax off of the increased earnings from his land. The whole theory of drainage taxation is based on the idea that the beneficiary is to have an increased capacity of land taxed, increased sufficiently to pay additional tax and that time being necessary to do that, he is given time on his tax. No extensive drainage proposition in a farming community was ever accomplished any other way.

I want to give my idea as to the successful way to handle the drainage of the Marias Des Cygnes bottom lands, and when an experienced civil engineer goes over the ground, if he does not practically agree with my ideas, I want the privilege of "settling" him up. My plan is this: Cut an entire new channel, commencing some where near the west side of the county and run as near the hill land on the south side of the river as is possible keeping on the lowest land, but making the channel as straight as possible, abandoning the lowest land if necessary in order to keep the channel straight. Follow down the river in that way to a point a little west and south of Papinville, where the channel should cross present channel and run east, entering the old channel near the mouth of Willow creek. This would practically eliminate all the most crooked part of the river. This channel should be 44 to 46 feet wide at commencement and from where it crosses the old channel to where it again enters the river 56 to 60 feet and from 10 to 12 feet deep. Such a channel as this will positively solve the overflow question in Bates county, unless in such floods as we had last June. Those floods do not come often enough to figure on over coming them, even if it was possible to do so, but I believe with a new channel like this, even a flood like that would be discharged so soon

that the damage would be very limited.

This channel would possibly be 24 to 28 miles long, and the present channel must be at least 70 to 80 miles. Our county surveyor assures me the fall for this distance is over 40 feet, so it is easy to see the new channel would discharge more water with its short route and swift current than the old channel; the old channel being an average fall of 6 inches to the mile and the new channel a fall of 1 1/2 feet to the mile or three times as much fall.

I know a good many people say this can't be done, etc., etc. These people forget the word "can't" was dropped out of the vocabulary of the American people, so far as undertakings are concerned in 1776. It can be done, can be paid for and be burdensome to no one, at a cost I believe not to exceed \$5.00 per acre of the lands benefited, but not under our present law. If we got our local law repealed then go to work under the general statutes section 8278 to section 8345 inclusive, we can thus bring in from 10,000 to 15,000 acres in Vernon county to help build this ditch, which we can never do under present law.

Under the general statutes the cost of the work can be paid by issuing bonds upon which there will be nothing due for at least two years except the interest, by that time the new channel would be done and land owners be getting immediate protection, and the tax would not be noticeable. Almost the entire proceedings under the statutes are had under the direct acts of the county court, and with a broad gauged energetic court, such as we have in Bates county, who doubts the energetic and faithful prosecution of the work. I notice Mr. Atkeson mentions work being done in Holt, Chariton and Carroll counties, as well as in several of the southeast Missouri counties. This is true and in every case he mentions the work is being done under the sections of the general statute I have mentioned, and the actual construction work done by dredge boats. It is also a fact that no contract requiring the amount of dirt of moving that will be necessary in the work under discussion regardless of how done, can be done so cheaply and so quickly as with a dredge, and I believe it possible to get a boat owner to take hold of the work under the present law.

While, regret greatly the delay it would occasion, I see no way to now get work accomplished that will be any relief to us people who are beneficiaries and who pay the tax, except to get the special act repealed at next session of the legislature, then go to work under general statutes. I take it as a matter of course every owner of bottom land is in favor of drainage once he is assured there will be something accomplished and the tax made so it will not be burdensome. The drainage of wet land has become such an established method of making almost worthless lands the most productive and most saleable in our country, that it would seem we were in a foreign land to find a person opposed to the drainage of such land. I realize that it is not possible to do the work under the statutes or otherwise to exactly suit us all. We will each have to concede some points as to location of drains, our proportion of expense, etc., but it does seem to me that we should be of one mind in insisting that we are assured of results, and that we are entitled to have the best terms possible on the payment of the tax, neither of which we have under the local law. Assure me of comparatively quick results and give me time on my taxes and regardless of amount of tax I will roll up my sleeves and work unceasingly for drainage of Bates county bottom lands. Respectfully,

J. F. KERN.

Attacks Wife With a Knife.

Armstrong, Mo., Dec. 26.—William Bransetter, a farmer residing near Washington Church, attacked his wife last night with a corn knife, severely cutting her about the head. He then beat her and, thinking he had killed her, started over to the house of John Houston with the knife. She ran to a neighbor's for protection.

Bransetter then went to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Kilander, where he flourished the knife and threatened to kill the entire family if they did not do as he demanded. Bransetter was captured by Constable Moorehead two miles west of Fayette late this evening and will be brought back to this city for trial.

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Asked Farmer to Be Witness to Killing

Warsaw, Mo., Dec. 26.—Jake Phillips, of Clinton, a hunter and trapper, was shot in the left temple by W. H. Shelton, a fisherman, living near this place. Shelton and Phillips had quarreled in Warsaw during the day and had made up later.

About 4 o'clock they started down the railroad track. After they had passed the cemetery, Shelton stopped a farmer and told him to halt, that he was about to shoot and kill Phillips, and wanted him to be a witness. He then fired three shots from a 32-caliber revolver at Phillips.

Shelton is in jail and Phillips is dying.

MILLIONAIRE'S POOR STOMACH

The worn-out stomach of the overfed millionaire is often paraded in public prints as a horrible example of evil attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c.

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Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at H. L. Tucker's Drug Store.

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